GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2274
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RELAYING OF RAILWAY LINE
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CMD of Neyveli Lignite Corporation caused pecuniary loss of Rs.3.17 crore to the company for unjustified relaying of meter gauge railway siding when gauge conversion work of Southern Railway was progressing ; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken for recovery of pecuniary loss caused to the company?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

a) No, Sir. The relaying of the existing railway siding was necessitated for providing land occupied by it for Thermal Power Station − I Expansion Programme which was scheduled to be completed by August, 2000 (Unit-I) and February, 2001 (Unit-II). By that time, the Southern Railways had not taken up the proposal for conversion of Cuddalore-Vridhachalam line into broad gauge. Had NLC waited for Southern Railways gauge conversion programme which was completed in December, 2003, there would have been delay in implementation of TPS-I Expansion programme as well as cost overrun. Therefore, it was necessary to re-route the railway siding to a different location.

b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.